

MORNING WORSHIP

AUGUST 13, 2017

Prelude Plainchant from *Mass for the Parishes* François Couperin

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God* ELLACOMBE

Call to Worship

*Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 25

Choral Anthem *Shelter Me* Buddy Miller & Julie Miller
Alexandra de Suze, Richard Binder, Doug Shapiro

Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
And the power,
And the glory, forever.
Amen.

Prayer Response "Let the Words of My Mouth" No. 301

*Hymn "There Is a Balm in Gilead" No. 501

Scripture Matthew 25:14-29

Sermon "Just Say It—I'm Outta Gas!"

Offering

Offertory Music *Oh Lovely Peace* G. F. Handel
Karen Rich, Brian Long

*Doxology No. 46

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Hymn "How Great Thou Art" No. 33

Benediction

Benediction Response "Danish Amen" No. 312

Postlude Trio for Two Manuals François Couperin
from *Mass for the Parishes*

**Please stand as you are able.*

*Please, no food or drinks in the Sanctuary during the service.
Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices before the service.*

“Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things.”

Matthew 25:21 (KJV)

TODAY

11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks; music by Paul Stephan and the MABC Choir
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

Ushers: Nancy Rivera, Matthew Dunlap-Keener
Coffee Hour: Matthew Dunlap-Keener
Camera: Travis Dover

Choir: Jennifer Townshend (soprano), Karen Rich (soprano),
Alexandra de Suze (alto), Richard Binder (tenor),
Brian Long (baritone), Doug Shapiro (bass)

*The liturgical color for Ordinary Sundays is green.
Green, the vibrant color of field and forest, reminds us of our call to
steadily grow in faith and mission as we are formed into Christ's image.*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Bible Study Summer Hiatus - Please note that our Sunday Bible Study class will take a break for the month of August. Bible Study will resume on Sunday, September 10th, after the Labor Day holiday. Stay tuned for info about upcoming Bible Study topics!

Save the Date! Next Saturday, August 19th at 1:00 p.m. for a MABC picnic at the home of Jamie Rodriguez-Wise. If you would like to bring an appetizer, side dish, dessert, or drinks, you're more than welcome to, but not required. Please RSVP to Jamie by August 13th, so she has time to shop. You can contact her at: jamie_rodriguez_1022@yahoo.com or 551-404-5719 (text or call). **Directions from Port Authority Bus Terminal:** Gate 307, Bus #161 - The bus runs every 30 minutes on Saturdays. We would suggest the 12:00 p.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m., or 1:30 p.m. The bus fare is \$12 round trip. Tickets must be purchased in the Port Authority, either at a machine, all around the terminal, or at a ticket booth. Ticket booths are in the back of the 40th Street building. Enter on 8th Avenue between 40th and 41st Streets, and head straight to the back. The bus trip is about 30 minutes, and then a short walk. Jamie will also run a shuttle from the bus stop to her home, for those who can't walk. If you plan on driving to the picnic, Jamie's address is: 34 John St., Lodi, NJ, 07644.

Sunday, Aug. 20	11:00 a.m.	Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks; music, Paul Stephan & the MABC Choir
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour

Back-to-School Drive - Continuing until Labor Day, the Community Ministries Board will once again be running a Back-to-School Drive to support an underserved middle school in the Bronx. Specifically, we will be working with MS 337 School for Inquiry and Social Justice. The school has requested any of the following items for donation: pencils, pens, markers, composition books, folders, loose leaf paper, handheld pencil sharpeners, tissues, hand sanitizer, glue sticks, scissors, tape, and construction paper. For anyone who wishes to donate, there will be a box in the Sanctuary for donations. If you don't live in NYC and would like to participate, send a check to the church ear-marked for "Back-to-School Drive" and we will purchase supplies on your behalf. For more information, feel free to contact Adom Crew at adom.crew@gmail.com. Thanks!

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

*MABC is equipped with a hearing assistance system.
Please ask an usher for a receiver.*



MABC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming signups for Coffee Hour and ushering. Here's how it works in three easy steps:

- 1) Go to this page to see our Sign-Up on SignUp.com: vols.pt/hJCuf2
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's easy—you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

Letter-Writing Volunteers Needed

New Alternatives for LGBT Youth, an organization MABC partnered with earlier in the year for a soup kitchen ministry, has asked for volunteers in writing letters to some of their incarcerated clients. These at-risk individuals often become isolated and vulnerable in jail and this communication helps provide them with support along their journey. If anyone is interested in participating, please email Adom Crew at adom.crew@gmail.com for more information.

Early Morning Volunteer Opportunity

Every Tuesday morning from 6:45 to 8:30 a.m., St. Peter's Church in midtown Manhattan (619 Lexington Ave. @ 54th St.) runs a soup kitchen. They are always looking for volunteers to help out and would welcome members our MABC family with open arms. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Adom Crew, who participates in this ministry weekly. For additional details, contact adom.crew@gmail.com.

For more information about our Community Ministries efforts, check out the volunteer section of the MABC website.



We welcome you to our service this morning! Our church is committed to being one which is inclusive regardless of race, sexual orientation or socio-economic situation. Jesus gave us the supreme example of inclusiveness. In our human way, we attempt to follow.

If you are a visitor, we're glad you're here! Please make sure to fill out a visitor's card and give it to an usher. This is a community of faith where everyone is welcome. We hope to see you again!

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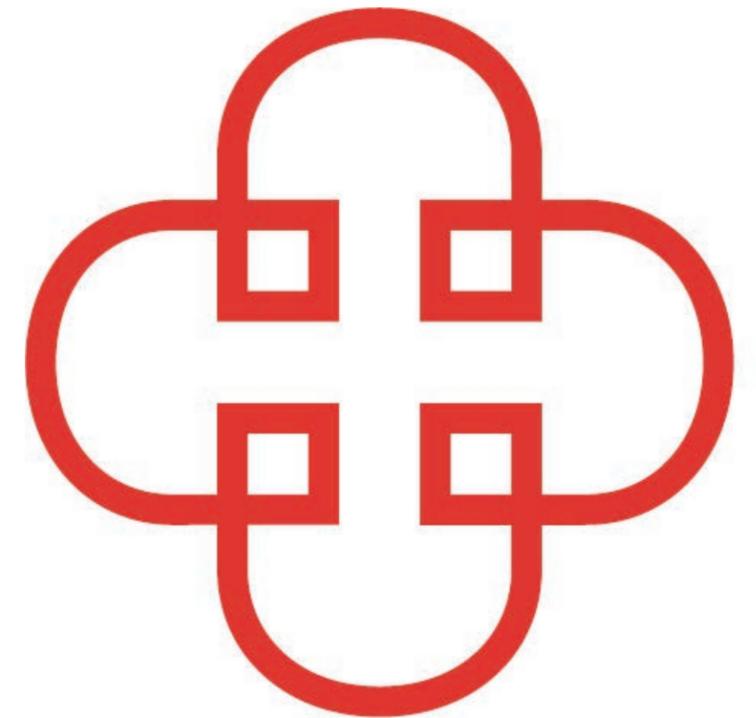
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